



EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

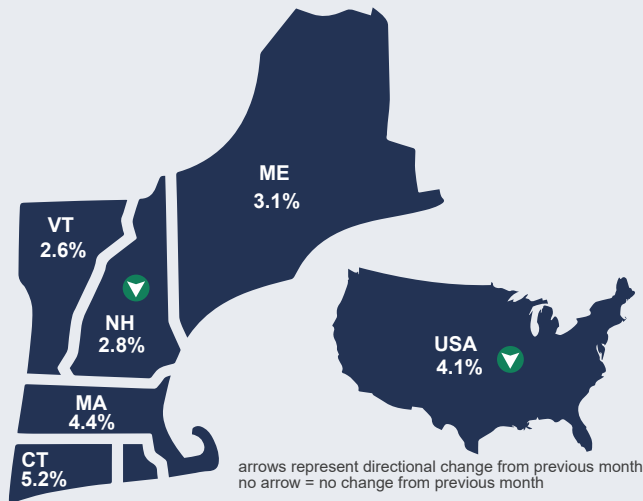
AUGUST 2026

3.9% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

RI's seasonally adjusted unemployment for July

4.1% June 2026

4.2% July 2025



Additional Labor Force Statistics

	Rhode Island			Net Change	
	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2025
Civilian Labor Force	577.4	578.7	594.1	-1.3	-16.7
Resident Employment	555.1	555.1	568.9	0.0	-13.8
Unemployment	22.4	23.6	25.2	-1.2	-2.8
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%	-0.2	-0.3

Jobs Increase by 700 in July

The July jobs report revealed that Rhode Island's Total Nonfarm employment level of 513,900 was up 700 from the revised June employment level of 513,200. The job count is down 1,400 from a year ago.

Job gains were in the Other Services (+700), Construction (+400) and Professional & Business Services (+300) sectors. Job losses were in the Health Care & Social Assistance (-200), Transportation & Utilities (-200), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-200) and Accommodation & Food Services (-200) sectors.

Establishment Employment

Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)	Net Change			
	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2025
Total Nonfarm	513.9	513.2	0.7	-1.4
Total Private	449.3	448.6	0.7	0.2
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	22.5	22.1	0.4	0.1
Manufacturing	40.0	39.9	0.1	0.8
Wholesale Trade	16.5	16.6	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	46.2	46.0	0.2	-0.2
Transportation & Utilities	17.8	18.0	-0.2	0.3
Information	5.2	5.2	0.0	-0.9
Financial Activities	33.8	33.8	0.0	-1.3
Professional & Business Services	68.4	68.1	0.3	-0.4
Private Educational Services	29.2	29.3	-0.1	2.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	87.1	87.3	-0.2	0.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7.8	8.0	-0.2	-1.2
Accommodation & Food Services	51.4	51.6	-0.2	-1.1
Other Services	23.2	22.5	0.7	1.0
Government	64.6	64.6	0.0	-1.6

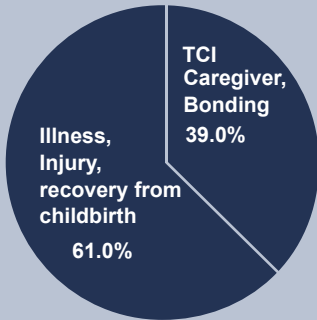
City & Town Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for July

	2026	2025		2026	2025		2026	2025
Barrington	2.7	3.0	Hopkinton	2.9	3.3	Portsmouth	2.8	3.0
Bristol	2.9	3.6	Jamestown	2.3	3.1	Providence	4.3	5.5
Burrillville	3.7	3.8	Johnston	4.3	5.2	Richmond	2.0	2.2
Central Falls	4.1	5.5	Lincoln	3.4	4.1	Scituate	3.4	3.6
Charlestown	3.8	4.4	Little Compton	2.4	3.7	Smithfield	3.4	4.3
Coventry	3.2	3.7	Middletown	3.0	3.7	South Kingstown	3.2	4.0
Cranston	3.8	4.3	Narragansett	2.5	2.7	Tiverton	3.3	3.6
Cumberland	3.1	3.6	New Shoreham	2.3	2.5	Warren	3.0	3.9
East Greenwich	2.8	3.9	Newport	3.1	3.8	Warwick	3.3	4.1
East Providence	3.7	4.7	North Kingstown	2.6	3.2	West Greenwich	3.5	3.3
Exeter	3.2	3.5	North Providence	4.2	4.8	West Warwick	3.4	4.0
Foster	4.0	3.9	North Smithfield	3.2	3.7	Westerly	2.7	3.3
Gloicester	2.9	3.4	Pawtucket	4.2	5.2	Woonsocket	5.1	5.5

Temporary Disability Program (TDI)*

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4,575 Applications - July 2026



Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)*

(TCI) Claims	1,782
Approved	1,177
Pending	605
Bond w/ child	958
Care of Family member	219
Average TCI Payment	\$779

*Count of claims processed

Consumer Price Index

	Jul 26	Jun 26	Jul 25	% Change Previous Year
All Items	333.9	334.0	323.0	3.4%

All Urban Consumers - Source: U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

	% Change				Year to Date			
	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2025	2026	2025	% Change
Regular Claims								
Initial Claims Received	4,277	6,114	4,152	-30.0%	3.0%	36,116	36,377	-0.7%
Initial Claims Verified (to date)	4,267	6,083	4,104	-29.9%	4.0%	36,001	35,628	1.0%
Number of Payments	38,508	34,789	44,785	10.7%	-14.0%	303,024	314,881	-3.8%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$17.6	\$16.9	\$20.4	3.7%	-13.8%	\$149.9	\$150.0	-0.1%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	795	834	842	-4.7%	-5.6%	5,640	5,872	-4.0%

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Claimants

July 2026	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
Total	11,061	2,574	23.3%
Male	4,427	1,264	28.6%
Female	6,634	1,310	19.7%
Education	11,061	2,574	23.3%
Less than High School	1,051	229	21.8%
High School Grad/GED	4,612	943	20.4%
Some College	1,816	477	26.3%
Associates Degree	562	146	26.0%
Bachelor's Degree	1,395	350	25.1%
Beyond Bachelor's	1,512	393	26.0%

July 2026	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
Selected Industries	11,061	2,574	23.3%
Construction	587	212	36.1%
Manufacturing	762	231	30.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	877	261	29.8%
Retail Trade	618	207	33.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,345	433	32.2%
Educational Services	406	80	19.7%
Selected Occupations	11,061	2,574	23.3%
Healthcare Support	389	138	35.5%
Production	618	177	28.6%
Office & Administrative Support	1,025	368	35.9%

Labor Supply & Demand in Rhode Island

Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants represent an able and available supply of trained workers who are currently seeking work. Online postings represent a current demand for labor detailing the types of occupations employers are seeking to fill.

On June 30, 2026, the Department of Labor and Training's EmployRI online network recorded 16,368 online job postings compared to 11,685 in second quarter 2025. Also in June, 7,955 RI residents collected unemployment insurance benefits in contrast with 9,396 for the same period in 2025.

The share of job postings for which the usual educational requirement was either a bachelor's or an associate degree was 40 percent. Claimants with those degrees represented 19 percent of the total collecting. The share of job postings for which the usual education requirement was a high school degree or lower was 39 percent. Claimants with that level of education represented 48 percent of those collecting.

A labor surplus was associated with three of the twenty major occupational groups. The greatest labor surplus was associated with the Construction & Extraction group for which there were 2.6 UI claimants with this type of work experience for every online Construction & Extraction occupation posting. The other surpluses were in the Production (1.2 claimants per posting) and Food Preparation & Serving Related (1.1 claimants per posting) occupational groups.

The greatest labor shortages were found in the Healthcare Practitioners & Technical; Computer & Mathematical; Architecture & Engineering and Education, Training & Library occupational groups, where there were 0.2 claimants or fewer for every online occupation posting for each of these occupational groups.

For more information, visit <https://dlt.ri.gov/labor-market-information/data-center/labor-supply-and-demand>.

